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SUBJECT: TIN - FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT

1. THE TRADE PRESS REPORTS THAT NONE OF THE SEVEN
PRODUCER MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT
(ITA) HAS YET SIGNED THE FIFTH ITA, WHICH IS OPEN FOR
SIGNATURE THROUGH THE END OF APRIL 1976. AT LEAST ONE
REPORT INDICATES THAT NON-SIGNATURE MAY BE TIED TO
PRODUCER COUNTRY DISPLEASURE OVER THE RELATIVE LACK OF
CONSUMER COUNTRY INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THE FIFTH ITA'S
BUFFER STOCK. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY BELGIUM AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO MAKE
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUFFER STOCK, THEREBY
JOINING FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO
THE BUFFER STOCK UNDER THE FOURTH ITA (AND WHICH PRESUMABLY
WILL CONTINUE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE NEW ITA). WE ALSO
UNDERSTAND THAT JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY (THE MAJOR TIN
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CONSUMERS AFTER THE US) MAY HAVE DECIDED AGAINST MAKING

BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS, AT LEAST FOR THIS YEAR.

2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTS FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES (EXCLUDING USUN) CONCERNING HOST COUNTRY PLANS FOR SIGNING THE FIFTH ITA. INFO COPIES OF REPORTS SHOULD BE SENT TO OTHER ADDRESSEES.

3. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS, IF QUESTIONS OF US SIGNATURE OF THE FIFTH ITA ARISE, POSTS SHOULD ADVISE THAT USG INTENDS TO SIGN ITA DURING THE OPEN SIGNING PERIOD, WHICH RUNS THROUGH APRIL. SHOULD THE QUESTION OF A VOLUNTARY US CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUFFER STOCK ARISE, POSTS SHOULD SAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE CLEAR ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, US INDUSTRY AND OTHERS, THAT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO RECOMMEND TO CONGRESS THAT THE US MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY US CONTRIBUTION). MOST RECENTLY, INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN HAROLD ALLEN WAS INFORMED OF THE US POSITION ON BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS DURING HIS DECEMBER 1975 VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

4. FOR USUN: THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT LISTING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SO FAR SIGNED THE FIFTH ITA. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PERIODIC UPDATES OF LISTING. USUN IS REQUESTED TO SEND INFO COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS TO OTHER ADDRESSEES OF THIS TELEGRAM. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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